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HORSEMEN INVITED TO PARADE THURSDAY NIGHT, JUNE 22

Horsemen are invited to participate in the third annual pre-horse show parade on Thursday night, June 22, according to Don Marquis, parade chairman.

Participants will assemble at 7:00 p. m. and the parade will begin at 8:00 p. m. at 10th and Broadway. Tentative route will be up Broadway from 10th to 20th Sts., turning right on 20th to Lake Merritt, where it will again turn right, following the lake back to the Exposition Building.

Trophies will be awarded to mounted drill units, individual horsemen and horse-drawn vehicles. Call Don Marquis, OLympic 3-3655 for details.

CLASSES FOR JUNIORS JUNE 24

Lonnie McNally, horse show manager, has announced that the show will be open to all Junior contestants under 17 years on Saturday, June 24, and to adult riders only on Sunday.

Saturday's program, opening at 1 p. m. will include the following classes: children's jumpers; Western equitation for riders under 12 years; English equitation for riders 12 to 17; English equitation for riders 12 to 17; pleasure horses, Western; pleasure horses, English; stock horses; lead line class, 4 yrs. and under (in this class, the youngsters will be mounted, but there will be a lead rope by which a parent or adult will guide the horse from his own mount. This class will perform only at a walk and short jog).

An exhibition drill will be presented by the M.H.A. Juniors.

Entries close Wednesday, June 14.

ADULT CLASSES SUNDAY, JUNE 24 TO INCLUDE STOCK HORSES

Adult riders will exhibit on Sunday, beginning at 1:00 p. m. A jumper class will open the show, followed by a palomino and pinto-in-hand class. Both kinds of horses will be in the ring at one time, but will be judged separately.

Other classes will be: five gaited; Western pleasure, ladies; English pleasure, thoroughbred type; English pleasure, saddlebred type; stock horses; Western pairs; three gaited; English pairs; western pleasure, men; family class, open to English and Western (the only class open also to children).

In cases where there are a great number of entries, eliminations will be held on Sunday morning, according to Lonnie McNally.

Entries close Wednesday, June 14.

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The Past Presidents' Trophy, a perpetual trophy donated last year by Don Marquis, will be awarded in the jumpers class at the Horse Show this year. Last year, Janice Kenyon won it in the parade class. The large trophy will revolve among the various classes from year to year, and must be returned by winners after they have held it one year.

However, a lovely replica, always donated by the incumbent president, becomes the winner's permanent possession.

\$2,000 Worth of Trophies

More than \$2,000 worth of trophies have been purchased and donated for the show, according to Si Simons, trophies and ribbons chairman. Trophies will be awarded to first and second place winners, and ribbons awarded through fifth place. In pairs classes, there will be trophies for each contestant among first and second place winners.

Entries Close June 14

Deane Burton, in charge of classifications and entries, urges all participants to enter early, so that Jerry Jacobs and his program committee will be able to get the program made up by show time. Deadline is June 14.

Additional entry blanks, and further information may be secured at the Horse Show office: the Hut in City Hall Plaza, 1401 San Pablo Ave., Oakland. Telephone number is TEmplebar 6-0162.

Roy Robinson to Judge Show

M.H.A. has been fortunate in securing the services of Roy Robinson of Woodland to judge the show. Well known in horse show circles as trainer, showman and judge, not only within the state but throughout the country, Robinson this year is judging at the Illinois State Fair—just one of his more distant engagements.

Horse Show Committees

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Walter Grondona, finance chairman, invites M.H.A. members and their friends to sponsor the show. A minimum of \$10 will make you a sponsor and provide you with two tickets to each show. Sponsors will be listed in the show program. Your check should be made out to M. H. A. Oakland Horse Show, and mailed to Walter Grondona, 12th & Franklin Sts., Oakland.



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Boxes are on sale at horse show headquarters, the Hut in City Hall Plaza, as well as from Colbourn, Stern, and the ticket committee. Price for both days, June 24 and 25, for eight seats, is \$20.

HAVE YOU SOLD YOUR TICKETS?

M.H.A. members have received books of 12 general admission tickets, 10 to sell at \$1.00 each, two to keep for themselves without charge. Every effort is being made to get the tickets sold and money turned in well in advance of show date.

As soon as books are sold, members are requested to turn in the money to Bud Vogel, ticket chairman, at 1101 Grove St., Oakland. And if they can sell more tickets, he'll be delighted to supply them at once.

SPRINKLING SYSTEM ASSURED

Through the invaluable aid of past director Martin Murray, 2,000 feet of 4-inch pipe has been purchased by the Association. Getting into the spirit of the occasion, Bud Fraser, of Fraser Drayage Co., delivered this tremendous load of pipe, in 40-ft. lengths, to the arena without charge—an item which meant considerable saving, and a tough job to do on a very hot day.

The Park Department is installing the pipe around the arena, to provide an efficient sprinkling system. And so another great institution, the sprinkler truck, passes into history.

NO HORSES ON PARK ROADS

At the request of Wm. Penn Mott, Supt. of Parks, riders are asked to avoid oiled and paved roads within the Park area. A great deal of road work is being done in preparation for the horse show, and horses' shoes cut and permanently damage the new road surface.

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DANIELS DAY BETTER THAN EVER

Sequoia Arena was the starting point for some 200 riders attending the third annual George Daniels trail ride, barbecue and field day on May 30.

Following a fine old tradition, George kept the route a secret. Planned and led by Alicia Coffey, the trail wound through hills and along a stream, terminating at the old race track.

Tying up their horses, the riders headed for cool drinks and barbecued chicken. What a meal it was—and all on George Daniels!

The afternoon saw a rip-roaring field day, with western events planned by Bud Vogel and his activities committee, interspersed with English events planned by Miss Cornelia Cress to make up a well-rounded program. (Details and results will be reported in the July Trail Blazer).

Committee members included: Bill Atkinson, Cornelia Cress, Mary Lou Hanson, Frank and Dot Colbourn, Fred Bradley, Bobbye Stewart, Bob Lorimer and John Thiel, mainly on English events. Jerry Cummings of Goebel's Beer brought the sound truck; Stanley Cosca was at the mike (and thanks to Ray Burton for that loud speaker system).

Martin and May Murray and Mary Gale worked on tickets and membership; Harold Cummings was ringmaster; Jim Black and Bill Patten were timekeepers; Dannie Danielson and Dick Corusi brought the beer wagon; Dutch Cummings, Ed Wise and Vi Schumacher helped everywhere; Joe Stern provided the steel cable for tying the horses.

OVERNIGHT RIDE GYMKHANA

Last April 30, a gymkhana closed the trail ride on a note of high excitement. Planned and directed by George Walling, with genial Don Marquis at the microphone, the events brought these winners acclaim:

Pole bending: Hardy (13.9), Carolyn Blanch (14.1), Prent Munson (14.5).

Balloon tag: Carolyn Blanch, Bill Barnard, Bob Evanson.

Quadrangle stake race: Carolyn Blanch, Leroy Lampton and Gilman.

Musical chairs: Carolyn Blanch, Keith Nichols, and Hardy.

SPECIAL CREDIT TO . . .

Louis Albert of Pinto Ranch, for the truck that hauled the sleeping bags on the Overnight Ride. That same truck hauled many a case of beer for the Chuck Wagon Breakfast and Region 5 Eliminations last Fall.

Helen Rochi, for her good distribution of ticket books out Castro Valley way. (By the way, the Rochi pair of pintos made a noteworthy appearance at the Mother Lode Fair parade in Sonora recently.)

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M. H. A. JUNIORS TO DRILL JUNE 24

Flag bearers: Ward Gallo, Phebe Brown.
Back Row L. to R.: Betty Lovisone, Jean Smith, Ronnie Dunniway, Corinne Smith, Bernie Cummings, Nana Boldrini, Deon Stenzel, Jack Miller, Joan Brown, Barbara Dorsey.



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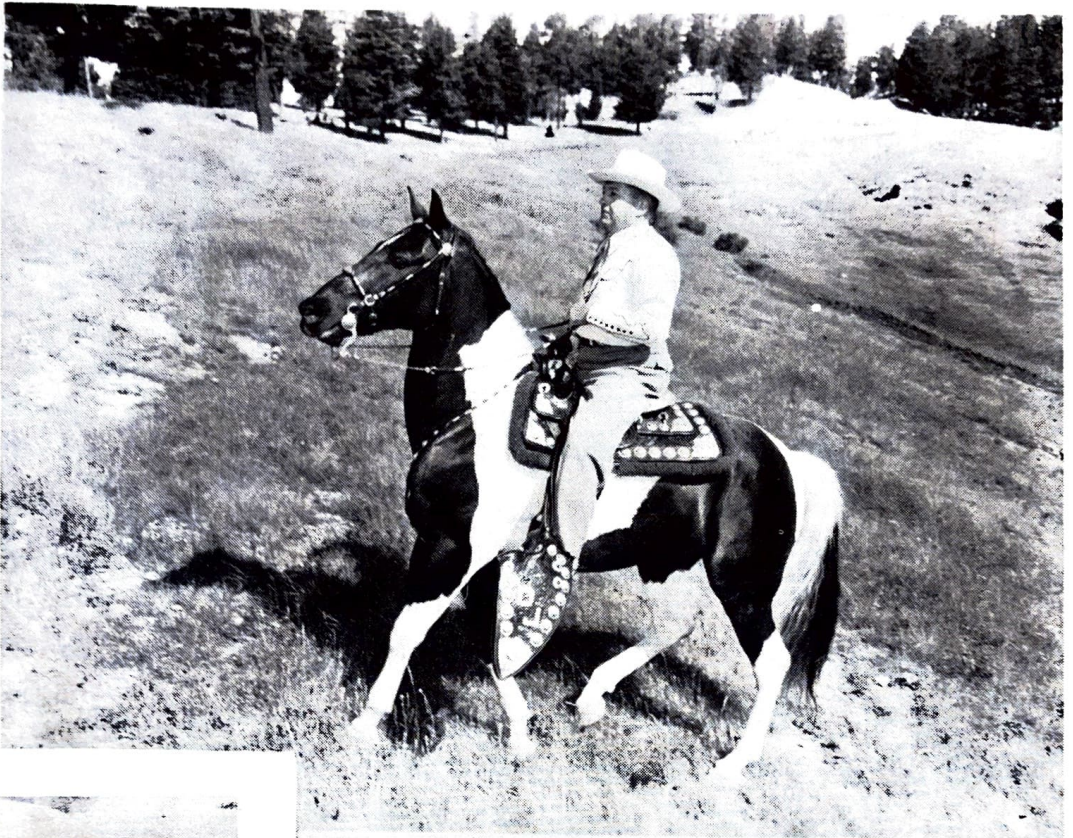
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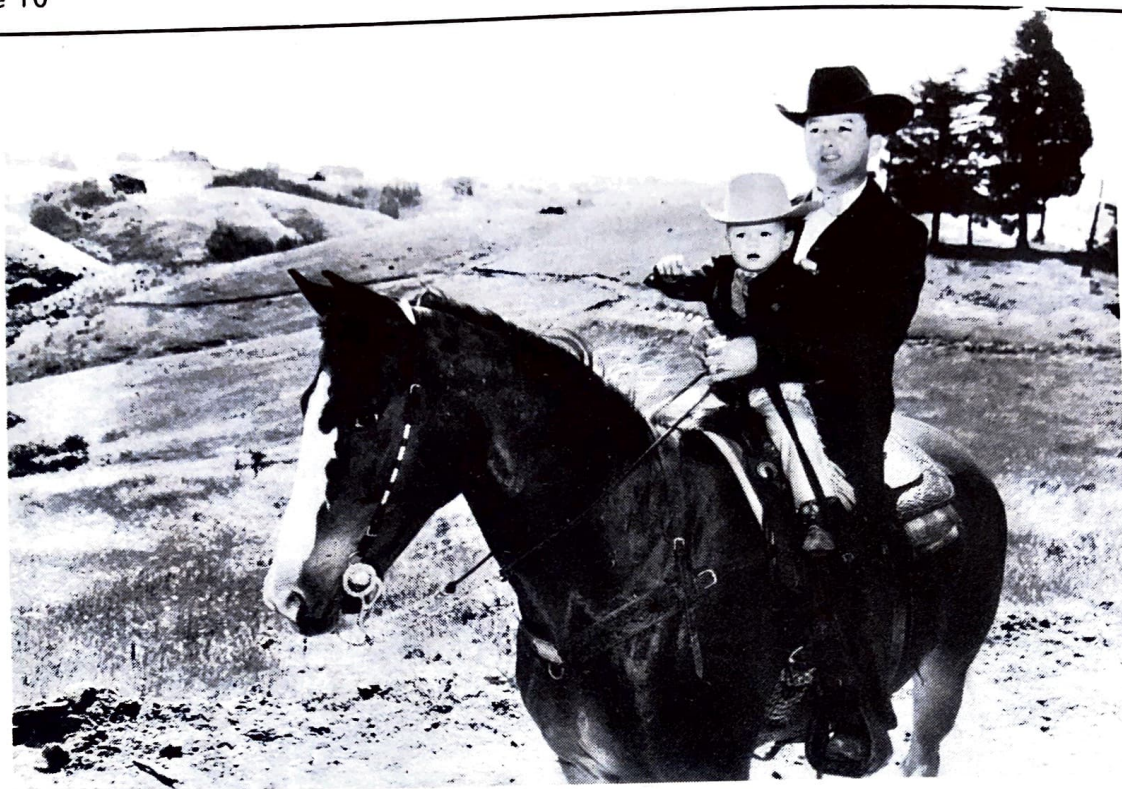


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Bill Patten and daughter Linda, just over 2 years, up on Sir Sox.

JUMPERS TRY FOR PAST PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Nancy Luyendyk on Blackjack, La Verne Gabrielson on Billwin's Chief, and Louise Bowlby on Royal Crusader. Jumps arranged by Bob Lorimer of Oakland Stables.



Stalling Around With The Roving Reporter

A trip along Robinson Drive brings us to the stable of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Evander. Here Bruce's 2-year-old thoroughbred, Play Boy, has a new barn and grand paddock. The Evanders have three lovely thoroughbreds.

Nearby is the corral and stable of Margaret Jones, where the black gelding, Smoky, greets every passerby.

And next door, Martin and Mae Murray keep their palomino mare, Dutchess, and the purebred Morgan, Miss Highland, who certainly rates a second look.

Dorothy Koehler is across the way, where she keeps four fine horses. Her particular pride is Mu Sahib, her purebred Arab gelding.

Next comes the stable of Dutch and Harold Cummings, where they keep some five horses of their own, including Dutch's colt, Rahanee; Teddy and Smoky, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hatch; and Lady and Tony, the horses of Mr. and Mrs. James Paps.

Blanche Paul entertained a recent guest from Los Angeles, Mrs. Helen Campbell, with a combined horseback ride and barbecue. Starting from the Pauls' residence on Brunell Drive, the group took a two-hour jaunt ending in the picnic area in Redwood Regional Park where Mrs. Paul's parents had a fire going and table laid. Those participating included Mabel Smith, Bonnie Hooper, Cynthia Nordquist, Armetta Maxwell and Osa Harper.

Mrs. Ivan Myers (Madelynne Klant) of Castro Valley has returned home from the hospital, after having sustained a severe injury of the spine while riding. It will be several months before she will be able to appear in horse shows again.

Anyone Here See Kelly?

... Francys, that is, and Trail Blazer editor Kay Jones directing traffic on San Mateo Bridge, Sunday, May 21 after trailer (belonging to M.H.A. President Heber Brown) had a flat tire. A youthful bridge attendant came to their rescue after a motorist told him there were "two horses and two women out in the middle of the bridge."

TICKETS, GROUNDS COMMITTEES

Bud Vogel, chairman of horse show ticket sales, has named Vianne Schumacher, Mary Gale and Dutch Cummings as his assistants.

Grounds committee, headed by Dave Jones, will be Mel Coe, Harold Cummings, Roger Farrer, Floyd Jacobs, Joe Merritt, Bill Patten, H. Rubinstein, Joe Stern, John Thiel, Bud Vogel, and Kay Walling.

A ring crew of five husky M.H.A. Juniors will also serve on each day. With Bill Barnard as chairman, Bob Baker, Dewain Flanigan, Gary King and Johnny Petersen will work on Saturday, and Ward Gallo, Bernie Cummings, Jack Miller, Don Flanigan, and Ronnie Dunniway take over on Sunday.

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JUNIORS TAKE 4 NEW TROPHIES

Bedecked in their new blue-and-white uniforms, the M.H.A. Junior Drill Team, directed by drillmaster Charles Hall, performed at the Lari-ettes' Horse Show, the Concord Flying Horsemen's junior show, the Rowell Rodeo parade, and the Silverado Riders' horse show in Calistoga — each time being awarded a handsome trophy.

Their next appearance is scheduled for June 4, at the Arlington Hills show in El Cerrito.

The newly organized M.H.A. Junior relay team placed second at the Calistoga show on June 4. Members: Ward Gallo, Corinne Smith, Pat Wirt and D. Flanigan.

Walleen Grondona brought honor to the Juniors with her election as Queen of the Concord Flying Horsemen's junior show on April 16. She also won several blue ribbons. At the same show, Bill Barnard and D. Flanigan came in second in western pairs, and Barbara Isham fourth in English pleasure.

The show was judged by Juniors: Corinne Smith, Jackie Phillips, George Cardinet III and Larry Roberts.

Plans for the horse show to be given by the Juniors on August 6 are well under way, according to committee chairman Phebe Brown.

Lari-ettes Reporting

The first horse show at the Skyline Ranch was a grand success, and the Lari-ettes extend their thanks to those who so kindly sponsored their classes and helped to put the show over.

George Walling deserves special mention as announcer of the show.

The cake sale held on May 28th was doubly successful, in that it expanded from Pinto Ranch to a branch office at Bob Lorimer's Oakland Stables. Here cakes and pies provided a delicious snack for spectators and contestants during Bob's western horse show.

Reminder: The Box Social at Sequoia Lodge on June 10 is open to all—IF the lady brings the lunch!

On the mend: Mrs. Alberts, recently in the hospital, is baking cakes again!

Boots & Jeans

May 5 was the first time out this year for the Square Dance Group. A lovely trophy was presented to them by the Hayward 20-30 Club, for best novelty group in the Hayward parade. Captain Lefty Bowers was given a special award ribbon for calling the square dance.

June 3 will find the riders at Palo Alto, putting on a benefit performance for the Veterans' Hospital.

There are many new riders and horses in the expanded drill this year—all taking to it like the proverbial ducks to water.



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Four days at the Mother Lode Fair and Rodeo climaxed the spring season. The drill, led by Floyd Jacobs, Captain, was enthusiastically received.

Lari-ettes horse show results: Western pairs, 1st: Floyd Jacobs and Frank Kelly; 2nd: Fred Bemis and Si Simons. Pinto pleasure, 2nd: Fred Bemis on Cap; 3rd: Pat Rukavina on Twerp, owned by Jerry Jacobs; 4th: Jack Simons; 5th: Heber Brown.

At Boulder Creek, Fred Bemis placed second in silver mounted parade class.

The flag presentation at Woodside on May 21, was made by Capt. Floyd Jacobs, Emmett Boger, Frank Kelly, Heber Brown, Dave Jones, Dr. J. A. Campbell, Jack and Si Simons and Archie Brown. Frank Kelly, on Sir Butch, placed 4th in parade class, competing with 18 entries.

Born to Golden Rainbow, Lucille Simons' saddlebred mare: a chestnut filly, Golden Raindrop (Candy for short). Sire: Sir Napa MacDonald.

PIEDMONT STABLES

New boarders welcomed: Bob Boyette, Bill Ludolph, F. M. McNamara, Roxie Powell, Jo Stone and Burton Thomas.

Harold Knudsen, always the early bird, now bows to Jack Sherburne and Russ Ivy when it comes to arriving on schedule.

The M.H.A. Overnight Ride brought out 19 Piedmont boarders, including Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powell and Roxie, as well as Charlie Rizzaghi.

Bill Patten's truck came in mighty handy when some of the horsemen decided not to ride back: Bill hauled two loads home to the Piedmont.

Harry Peckham and Bill Ludolph are among those enjoying Daylight Time's longer evenings for riding.

Social events: Breakfast ride on May 7 for 25 Piedmont boarders and their friends; second annual Harold Knudsen Day on May 28, with a ride to Round Top and picnic lunch.

Bill Patten has brought in eight new calves, and the ropers now keep the canyon echoing.

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Ribbon winners in the Lari-ette show: Children's equitation, English, A: Carolyn Veio, 4th. B: John Shumaker, 2nd; Terry Olds, 3rd; Louise Bowlby, 4th. Children's western trails: Carol Barrett, 1st. Saddlebred pleasure: Kay Osborne, 3rd; Terry Olds, 5th. Thoroughbred pleasure: Phillis Hill, 5th. Matched pairs: Ed Hill and Bob Lorimer, 2nd.

The Oakland's first closed show was held April 30; the annual open show, western, on May 28; the English show was postponed until June 11 because of George Daniels' Day.

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Art Aguir's new jumping mare, Spreckles, is in for schooling. Bob Lorimer has added a new mare, Lady, to his string of school horses.

The Brigadiers opened the season with a hamburger roast during Easter vacation, and other events are planned.

PINTO RANCH

Don Bentley is working on prize saddles for M.H.A. Juniors and the Lari-ettes.

Jim Heal and his wife are back for the Summer, now that calf roping is the Pinto sport on Tuesday and Thursday nights, and Sunday afternoons.

Leo Raschdorf has a new pony; Mrs. Judy White and Shaver have returned; Bill and Roger Searle and Don Swanson are newcomers.

Bruce Orcutt and Louis Albert now own four good quarterhorse colts and a filly.

CRESSMOUNT

Bit & Spur election: new officers are Mary Alice Turner, President; Janice Church, Secretary; Gail Martin, Treasurer.

The Second Annual Intercollegiate Horse Show was held at Stanford University on April 29. Mills placed second among the five colleges competing.

Cressmount riders took 7 out of the 12 ribbons awarded at the Pebble Beach Invitational Hunter Trials, held May 6 and 7. Champion was Indian, with Karen Anderson up; reserve champion was Co-ed Amber, Dede Brandes riding; second places were taken by Killarney and Rum Punch, ridden by Linda Lorimer and Pat Brandes.

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With one month to go, Juniors are battling hard to win the grand prize radio in membership and trails donation contests. George Daniels Day was expected to swell the paid-up lists to 750, according to Harold Cummings, membership chairman.

New fire has been added to the campaign with the addition of Bill Patten as assistant chairman. It's a Battle of Dads AND Juniors now, with young Linda Patten close at the heels of Bernie Cummings for first place in the May contest. (Note the diabolical cunning of President Heber Brown in selecting parents of enthusiastic youngsters for membership committee posts.)

TRAIL BLAZER TO MEMBERS ONLY

Beginning July 1, only those whose dues are paid up will receive copies of the M. H.A. magazine, according to Dave Jones, Trail Blazer director.

The July issue will carry results of horse show events, with complete lists of committee members, and a special picture section by Cliff Barbera of Colbourn's on the Joaquin Murietta Overnight Trail Ride. It will be one that many members will want to keep.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

(Names added up to May 15, 1950)

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Beryl Johnstone	

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Ed Cain	Cliff A. Leekins
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Manuel Enos	Walter Naffsinger
Lyman E. Hawks	Margery Parsons
George K. Haynie	Patricia Popejoy
Edward Hill	Donald Willis

RENEWALS, JUNIORS

Joan Anderson	Buck Hall
Marvyn Becker	Jackie Wedel
Don Bjornson	David Wooten
Don Flanigan	

NEW MEMBERS, JUNIORS

Roy Anderson	Mary Jo Nichols
Daniella Hagerty	Carolyn Peterson
Kemm Hall	Pat Wilcox

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